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SUBJECT: Request for Concurrence on the Creation of New Operable Unit 1-11 for the
Assessment of New Waste Area Group 1 Sites (EM-ER-227)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office is requesting agency Project Manager concurrence on the creation of a new Operable Unit (OU) for Waste Area Group (WAG) 1 to assess new sites located at Test Area North (TAN). Based on the OUs currently part of WAG 1, the recommendation is that the new OU be identified as OU 1-11. The two primary reasons for the creation of the new OU within WAG 1 are:

- 1) Final OU 1-10 Record of Decision. New sites discovered at TAN require an AR for the proper management of assessment information prior to a remedial action decision for the site.
- 2) The WAG 1 project managers agree that the best assessment of new sites discovered at TAN will be achieved using WAG 1 personnel that are familiar with the processes and contaminants encountered at TAN.

Currently, two sites at WAG 1 would be assigned to OU 1-11 with your concurrence, TAN-616 and IET-12. In addition, all new sites discovered at TAN would be assigned to OU 1-11.

TAN-616 was originally assigned to OU 1-10 in the new site identification form. Because the OU 1-10 AR is closed, no additional TAN-616 assessment information can be placed in its currently assigned AR. The assignment of a different OU is necessary for TAN-616. IET-12 is the recently signed new site identification form for the releases under sumps at IET, named "WAG 1 TAN IET Soils Beneath Sub-Grade Sumps within TAN-620/656." This site has yet to be assigned an OU.

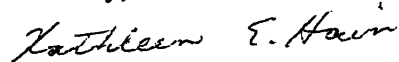
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The assignment of OU 1-11 to these two sites and to all additional new sites at WAG 1 does not obligate a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study or Record of Decision for this OU; this investigation and decision document can be conducted, if necessary, under a separate OU, at the discretion of the agency Project Managers.

Your concurrence on this approach by December 11, 2000 would be appreciated in order to get the AR prepared for these sites. Please contact me at (208) 526-4392 or Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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